problem associated with extreme flight loads encountered during the flight.

(c) The total amount sanctioned under Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) for the development of 'AGNI' is Rs. 59.35 crores. The expenditure incurred with respect to 2nd launch of 'AGNI' is about Rs. 5 crores.

(d) Post flight analysis in respect of 2nd launch has been undertaken to ascertain the steps/modifications required to overcome the short-comings.

Per Capita Consumption of Textiles

*72. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita consumption of textiles has been steadily going up in the country ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to meet this growing demand ; and

(c) what is the latest per capita consumption of various types of textiles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Per capita consumption of cloth has remained more or less steady in the past few years.

(b) Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) 15.07 mtrs. in 1989.

Statement

Steps Taken to Increase Production of Cloth

1. In the new Industrial Policy there is no restriction on setting up of mill/decentralised powerloom except locational restriction.

2. Government have already given fuller fibre flexibility.

3. Textile Machinery can be imported and duty on such machinery had already been reduced in present budget.

4. Textile Modernisation Fund was created in 1986 and up to the end of March, 92 sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1367 crores in respect of 357 cases out of which Rs. 836 crores have been disbursed in respect of 304 applications.

5. Financial assistance for modernisation of handlooms.

6. Scheme of training a cadre of 'Bunker Sevaks' for assisting weavers in transfer of improved technology.

7. Powerlooms have been regularised under the Textile Policy of 1985.

8. Government have set up 15 Powerloom Service Centres under the Textile Commissioner for ensuring better methods of production, diversification and better loom maintenance. They conduct training programmes to educate weavers in loom mechanism and remedying weaving defects etc. Government have also set up 6 more Powerloom Service Centres under the Textile Research Associations.

Export of Cotton

*73. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL :

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers have demanded to allow export of cotton bales ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is surplus production of cotton since last year ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of surplus production of cotton of few lakh bales—the prices of cotton have gone down heavily ;